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French Ambassador claims to have following from reliable Soviet source in position to know:

Khrushchev letter of Friday, October 26 was written and despatched by him personally without consultation with anyone. When Khrushchev action reported to other leaders, apparently that night, long meetings and heated discussion ensued, leading to despatch published letter of Saturday, October 27. Similar meetings and discussion ensued after receipt President's letter October 27, but Khrushchev finally won approval of position represented by his letter October 28. Malinovsky only person identified as opposing withdrawal weapons but he is said to have been supported by some members civilian leadership.

We have no corroborating evidence and are reporting this for what it may be worth.

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